

*[English]***Foreign Funded Lotteries**

3240. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government towards foreign funded lotteries underway in the Indian market through the Indian shell companies by resort to backdoor entry by way of licences from Region;

(b) whether the State Governments are empowered to grant licence for such lotteries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban such move; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) The Central Government has not formulated any policy towards foreign funded lotteries as the lottery trade in the country is conducted by the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Central Government and the Supreme Court. The foreign funded lotteries do not qualify under the guidelines.

*[Translation]***Hilly Areas of Madhya Pradesh**

3241. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to declare some hilly areas of Madhya Pradesh as adivasi areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No Sir. The Ministry has not received any proposal from the State Government for declaration of hilly areas of Madhya Pradesh as adivasi areas.

(b) Does not arise.

*[English]***Inclusion of Sikkim in N.E. Council**

3242. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to club Sikkim into the North-East Council; and

(b) if so, whether any economic package will be granted to Sikkim as in case of North-East States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Government is taking all steps for speedy economic development of Sikkim. An amount of Rs. 220 crores has been allocated for 1997-98 to the State under the State Plan as against Rs. 192 crores for 1996-97.

**Milk Co-operatives**

3243. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of milk co-operatives presently existing in the country;

(b) whether there is a proposal to form one lakh dairy cooperatives during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has conveyed that such a high target cannot be achieved in five years; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) About 90,000 dairy cooperative societies have been organised in the country under various State Government and Central Government schemes upto 31.12.96.

(b) and (c) A conference of State Ministers of Animal Husbandry and Dairying recommended formation of additional one lakh dairy cooperative during the Ninth Plan.

(d) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has expressed its doubt on the ground that since the beginning of Operation Flood in 1970, it has been possible to organise only over 71000 Anand pattern dairy cooperative societies.

(e) Government would endeavour to organise as many additional dairy cooperatives as possible.

**Area covered under Public Distribution System Scheme**

3244. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts in the country are still not covered by Public Distribution System Scheme (PDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have worked out any strategy to extend Public Distribution System Scheme to areas not covered so far and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the method of supply of foodgrains and essential commodities to the hilly and remote inaccessible areas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No Sir. All the districts in the country are covered under Public Distribution System Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Public Distribution System is implemented under joint responsibility of Central Government and State Governments. Central Government make available the essential commodities in bulk to State Governments. The responsibility for distribution of essential commodities within the State rests with the State Governments. Every State Government has its own arrangements of supply of foodgrains and essential commodities to the hilly and remote areas according to the local needs and available infrastructure

#### **Ban on Use of Azo-Dyes**

3245. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have banned the use of azo-dyes in view of its harmful effects on public health and environment; and

(b) if so, the details of the dyes banned, and the industries using such dyes in Gujarat, Maharashtra and other States indicating the circumstances leading to the ban?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of prohibited azo-dyes is appended in the Statement attached. All the States and Union Territories have been contracted to furnish the list of industries using prohibited azo-dyes in the country. Based on the findings of experts, the Government have taken the decision to

prohibit listed azo-dyes in view of carcinogenic potential of certain arylamines which are released from these azo-dyes on contact with the human body.

#### **Statement**

Sl.No.	Colour Index Generic Number	Colour Index Number
1	2	3
1.	Acid Red 4	14710
2.	Acid Red 5	14905
3.	Acid Red 24	16140
4.	Acid Red 26	16150
5.	Acid Red 73	27290
6.	Acid Red 114	23635
7.	Acid Red 115	27200
8.	Acid Red 116	26660
9.	Acid Red 128	24125
10.	Acid Red 148	26665
11.	Acid Red 150	27190
12.	Acid Red 158	20535
13.	Acid Red 167	—
14.	Acid Red 264	18133
15.	Acid Red 265	18129
16.	Acid Red 420	—
17.	Acid Violet 12	18075
18.	Acid Brown 415	—
19.	Acid Black 131	—